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Dolphins save Palawan fisherman

By Redempto D. Anda
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—HE NEEDED a miracle to survive the cold and choppy waters, and he got it in the form of dolphins and whales.

Tuna fisherman Renato Dublal was fish-

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Gov't declares 4-day ceasefire with NPA

THE GOVERNMENT IS DECLARING A four-day unilateral ceasefire with the communist New People's Army (NPA) during the holiday season, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said yesterday.

Per Ermita's announcement, the Department of National Defense will suspend military operations against the NPA on Dec. 24 and 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The previous ceasefire declared by the government ran

GOV'T A4



SPINNER DOLPHINS, possibly of the type that nudged a weakened fisherman to shore last week, exhibit speed and grace in Puerto Princesa Bay.

Extension of CARP eyed

Congress may let program continue until June 30

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christine O. Avendaño

IGNORING A HUNGER STRIKE BY EIGHT FARMers that has drawn unprecedented sympathy from the Catholic Church hierarchy, lawmakers yesterday agreed to consider an extension for another six months of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

However, the resolution introduced for debate on the penultimate day of this year's session of Congress seeks to stop new land acquisition during the period to allow the two chambers to review CARP's implementation and decide if it should be extended for at least another five years.

The farmers on the 16th day of a hunger strike are demanding the extension of the CARP law, which expires at the end of the year, and the continued distribution of lands that have not yet been covered by agrarian reform, the centerpiece of a government program to eliminate poverty and remove a major source of peasant unrest.

Some 1.3 million hectares of agricultural lands, many owned by politically influential sugar plantation owners, remain to be distributed under CARP. If the law is allowed to lapse, the owners will keep lands that have not been covered.

The fasting farmers are demanding the distribution of sugar lands owned by the family of President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband.

House Speaker Prospero Nograles and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday agreed, following a meeting with the President, to consider the joint resolution in their respective chambers for the extension of CARP until June 30, 2009, to defuse a "tumultuous" situation.

The agrarian reform law expired in June, but it was extended for six months until the end of the year. Under the proposed new extension, however, and

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Green groups hail signing of energy bill

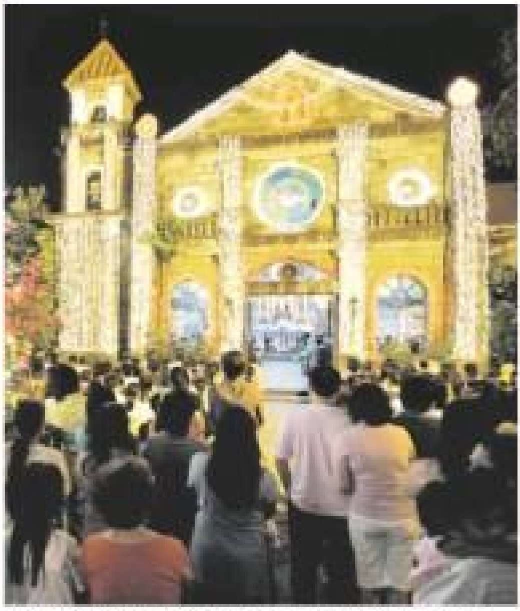
By TJ Burgonio

THE RENEWABLE ENERGY Bill, which took almost 20 years to pass, was finally signed into law yesterday, drawing praises from green groups and boosting the Department of Energy's hopes of adding 4,000 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy capacity in the country in the medium term.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said the signing of Republic Act No. 9513, or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, would boost the country's bid to become 60-percent energy self-sufficient by 2010.

The country is the second largest geothermal producer in the world, and has the highest wind power potential, a high solar power penetration, and abundant hydro power and biomass resources, she said.

GREEN A6



THE COUNTDOWN to the best-loved holiday begins when church bells call the faithful to a ceremony before sunrise. The traditional dawn Masses started on Dec. 16 and will culminate on Christmas Eve. But the celebration extends all the way to January in what has come to be known as the longest Christmas season on the planet. AFP

Unilab gets top award for excellence

By TJ Burgonio

UNITED LABORATORIES INC., which started as a small drugstore in Manila shortly after World War II, received yesterday the Philippine Quality Award (PQA) for Performance Excellence from President Macapagal-Arroyo, becoming the first Filipino-owned company to do so.

Now one of the leading pharmaceutical and healthcare companies in the Philippines, Unilab offers a range of products and brands such as Neozep,

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INQUIRER READ-ALONG

Ateneo star a hit with street kids

By Schatzi Quodala and Lawrence de Guzman
Inquirer Research

A TRADE COOPERATIVE DEcided to forgo its Christmas party, while a five-star hotel modified its usual offering of Yuletide events—all to become part of an advocacy to share the gift of reading among the young.

The results were two special Inquirer Read-Along sessions held over the weekend. The first catered to an audience of mostly street kids in Makati City, the other gathered children in a Quezon City hotel.

College basketball star and TV host Chris Tiu led a reading session at a neighborhood music bar in Barangay Tejeros, Makati, for some 70 kids, including vagrants, on Saturday, Dec. 13.

This was followed on Sunday

ATENEO A11

World's most famous shoe now worth $10M

BAGHDAD—CALLING SOMEONE THE "son of a shoe" is one of the worst insults in Iraq. But the lowly shoe and the Iraqi who threw both of his at US President George W. Bush, with widely admired aim, were embraced around the Arab world on Monday as symbols of rage at a still unpopular war.

In Saudi Arabia, a newspaper reported that a man had offered $10 million to buy just one of what has almost certainly become the world's most famous pair of black dress shoes.

Arab and Iranian TV stations have gleefully replayed the clip, sometimes in slow motion, of the shoe throwing incident.

In Tripoli, the charity group Wa Attasimou, chaired by the daughter of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, awarded the shoe

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A SHOE is raised to protest the visit to Iraq of US President George W. Bush in Sadr City in Baghdad on Monday. AP

Polio victim leads this year's TOYM awardees

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS, HIS parents kept Rey Bernardo inside their house in Camarines Norte and even built a cage where he could crawl back to hide whenever visitors came after he suffered from polio when he was 5 years old.

The family portrait in the sala excluded him.

"I understood why. They were ashamed of me," said Bernardo, who never got the chance to go through basic education.

His hopes could not be caged, however. He managed to go to college, earn three master's degrees, teach in a university and win citations to make his parents proud.

This year, Bernardo, 38, is among The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) awardees, joining Tourism Secretary Ace Durano, broadcaster Karen Davila and agriculture science researchers Antonio Alfonso and Christian Joseph Cumagun.

The awarding ceremony will

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Shoe attack? Not here, say Palace execs

By TJ Burgonio

NO, PALACE REPORTERS WON'T BE TOLD to leave their shoes at the door.

Even as her ratings continue to dip, President Macapagal-Arroyo isn't about to get a

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RP jobless rate up in October

Unemployed Filipinos reach 2.5 million, says NSO

AS THE ECONOMY SLOWED down because of the global economic crisis, the country's jobless rate worsened to 6.8 percent in October, from 6.3 percent in the same month last year.

Meltdown in US, Europe

Taiwan to hire more foreign workers

Mar Roxas: I'm not sorry

Respect his disgust

Qatar pledges to RP $1-B 'sovereign fund'

Asean Charter now in force

2 more 'erring' rural banks padlocked by BSP

By Doris C. Dumlao



Senate OKs bill raising bank deposit insurance

By Christine O. Avendaño

Gov't may use recycled budget

By Michael Lim Ubac and Leila B. Salaverria

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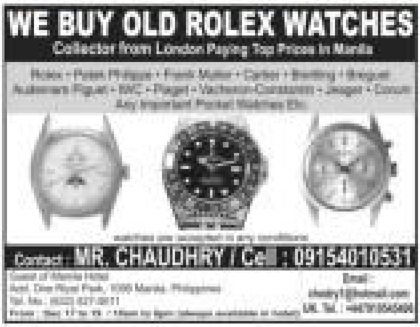
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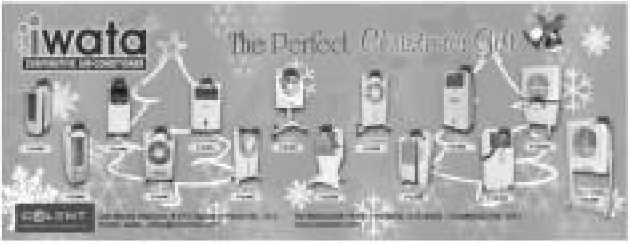
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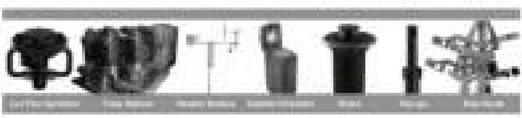
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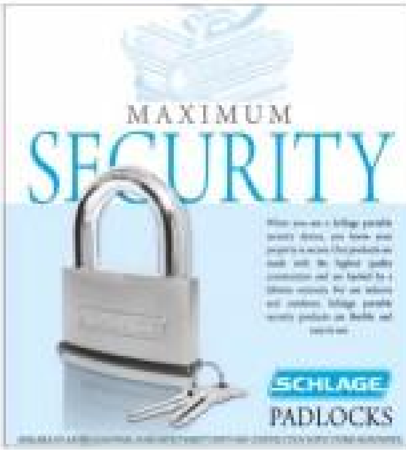
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Marine mammals

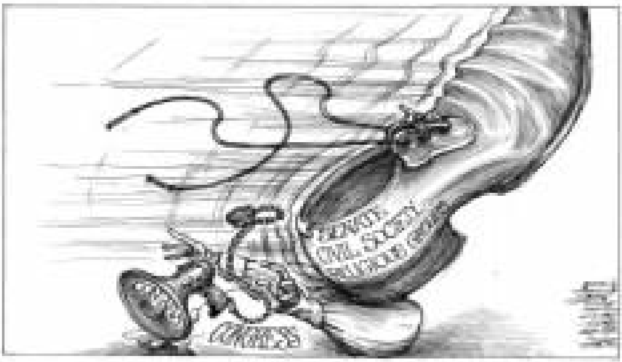


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‘Belen’ pays tribute to Aeta ingenuity

By Reynaldo Arabe
Tarlac City

EVERY YEAR, AT THE start of the "ber" months (September to December), Aeta families would descend from the mountains to beg for alms in Tarlac City.

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STUDENTS of the Our Lady of Peace College Seminary produced this diorama of an Aeta family setting camp on the banks of the Tarlac River

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A chilly, thrilling experience in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY'S CHILLING temperature is not a hindrance to the observance of the traditional nine-day Misa de Gallo. For people in the lowlands, completing dawn masses might be as easy as going to regular Sunday Mass, but for Baguio folks, waking up in chill requires extra sacrifices.

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Across the NATION

Sunken boat sailed despite warning

By [illegible]

A BOAT THAT SANK AND LEFT AT LEAST 30 OF its passengers dead set out to sea on Sunday despite a government advisory against sea travel in the area on that day.

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Negros narrows door for Luzon meat in wake of Ebola scare

By Carla P. Gomez

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Cops say kidnapped Chinese a struggling trader in Sulu

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Anti-bird flu programs not tested, says health exec

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89-yr-old still music icon despite losing her voice

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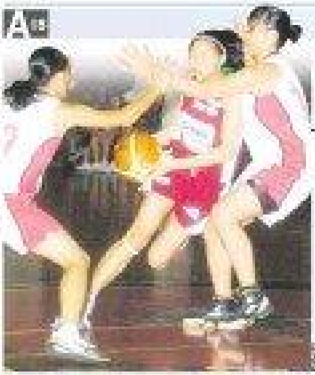
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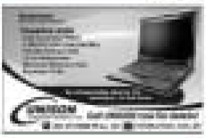
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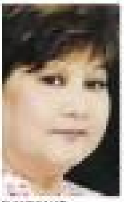


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Fernandez shines, lifts Batang Pier

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3 stars, writer sue talent manager

Claim she used their names to borrow P8-M in housing loans

THREE SEXY STARS AND A MOVIE COLUMNIST have filed a complaint against a talent manager and her lawyer-husband for allegedly using their names in taking out almost P8 million worth of loans with the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-Ibig Fund.

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Fund manager in scam boasted about profits

WASHINGTON—THE MONEY MANAGER ACcused of duping investors in one of Wall Street's biggest pyramid schemes once boasted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) about how much money he earned and formally advised the US government on ways to protect investors from scam artists.

Big melt: 2 trillion tons of ice in 5 years



New Thai PM faces deep divisions

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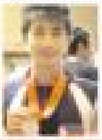
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BOSTON—RAJON RONDO SCORED 12 OF HIS CAreer-high 25 points in the final 5:20, and Kevin Garnett had 19 points and 10 rebounds on Monday to lead the Boston Celtics to their 15th consecutive victory, 100-91 over the Utah Jazz.

'Old' Holyfield goes after 'giant' Valuev's WBA belt



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A SQUABBLE HAS ERUPTED BETWEEN MANILA ELECTRIC CO. and minority shareholder Land Bank of the Philippines as the government bank cried foul over the sudden cancelation of its shares in the power retailer on the eve of a deal with other government financial institutions to jointly sell their stake to a deep-pocketed group believed to be allied with San Miguel Corp.

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Asia stocks edge up as markets await US Fed move

US deficit for 2008 said to top $1 trillion





Makati, Metro Manila (December 17, 2008) – On behalf of Autohaus BMW and Prestige Cars BMW, our Chairman Mr. Antonio Modesto L. Aquino today announced the promotion of Mario M. Gloria as the new President of both BMW dealerships.

"Mario started with Prestige Cars Makati, Inc. in 1996, he has since led our Sales department with distinction and has the experience in every facet of the automotive industry. He has the vision to lead BMW's growth for many years to come and his passion in doing the right thing the right way will be his legacy for others to follow," said Antonio Modesto L. Aquino, Autohaus BMW Chairman.

Mr. Gloria was previously the Executive Vice President for Sales. He is an alumnus of both Ateneo de Manila & De La Salle University, and a B.S. Mechanical Engineering degree holder.

US automakers fend off suppliers' cash demands



Opec seen to cut oil output by up to 2M barrels a day



RP posted modest BOP surplus in November

11-month surplus hit $364M, smaller than last year's $7.8B

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE COUNTRY'S BALANCE OF payments (BOP) swung back to a modest surplus of $[illegible] million in November after posting deficits in the previous three months, as overseas remittances surged ahead of the holidays.

This brought the cumulative BOP surplus for the 11-month period to $364 million, much smaller than the surplus of $7.84 billion in the same period in 2007, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported yesterday.

This surplus could be attributed to the steady flow of remittances, net FDI (foreign direct investment) inflows and investment income of the BSP, said BSP chief Amando Tetangco Jr.

The BOP is a measure of the foreign exchange transactions between the domestic economy and the rest of the world. Any transaction that gives rise to a payment by a Philippine resident, like importation or debt servicing, is a deficit item in the BOP. Also, a transaction that gives rise to a receipt, like borrowing, exporting or remittance from abroad is a surplus item.

The country's BOP surplus peaked this year at $2.18 billion in May, just before the global financial crisis intensified. The country has seen large outflows of foreign "hot money" since September as investors pulled out money from Philippine stocks, bonds and money markets amid the financial meltdown.

Foreign portfolio investments—the money put by offshore investors in local stocks, bonds, money market instruments like treasury bills and bank deposits—are called "hot money" due to their volatile nature.

But the country continued to generate much needed foreign exchange from FDIs and overseas remittances.

Net inflows of FDI rose to $511 million in September, almost 18 times higher than the year-ago level, bringing the nine-month net inflows to $1.4 billion, albeit lower than the $2.3 billion recorded a year ago.

Unlike portfolio investments which are more volatile, FDI flows represent investments in brick-and-mortar businesses that are capital and labor intensive, such as those spent in building new factories, power plants, mining ventures or other enterprises. They are considered the least volatile form of financial flows.

It was also recently reported that overseas remittances coursed through banks reached $13.7 billion in the first 10 months, 15.5 percent higher over a year ago.

Forum seals $3.5-M power deal

By Abigail L. Ho

FORUM ENERGY Plc, through local unit Forum Energy Philippines Corp., has secured all the necessary approvals to finally close the $3.5-million sale of one of its coal operating contracts.

The company said in its website that the Department of Energy had given its go-signal to the sale of Coal Operating Contract 132 to [illegible] Resources and Mining Corp.

Under the terms of the sale, $3.5 million, plus accrued interest, was released to Forum at the close of the deal.

The proceeds, Forum said, would be used to fund general working capital requirements.

"The sale enables us to continue implementation of our plan to re-focus the business on our material asset (geophysical survey and exploration contract [illegible])," Forum had said in an earlier statement.

"In addition, the sale will substantially improve our balance sheet and, thus, our shareholders will benefit from our continued non-dilutive efforts to fund the company on an ongoing basis."

Forum holds two coal operating contracts, both in Cebu.

According to the company, its [illegible] (Central Cebu) and Dalaguete (South Cebu) coal areas have estimated proven and probable coal reserves of 4.9 million tons.

The Central Cebu contract consists of two sets of two coal blocks spanning a 4,860-hectare area.

The South Cebu contract, on the other hand, is composed of two sets of two coal blocks covering an area of almost 2,720 hectares.

Instead of investing more cash into the further exploration for, and development of, coal resources, Forum had opted to conserve its cash as it would have ample funds to cover the development of COC 132 when it is converted into a service contract.

As of the moment, Forum said it would retain its interest in its South Cebu COC, although it was "currently considering a number of options to optimize the return from this contract."



SM to generate 4,000 jobs in Naga City

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—WITH THE ADVERSE EFfects of the global economic crunch expected to hit the country hard next year, this landlocked city of 160,000 is looking forward to the opening of the SM Mall.

Slated to start operations by March, the mall is expected to employ 4,000 workers.

Florencio Mongoso, manager of the Naga City Public Employment Service Office (Peso), said his office would do the initial processing of applications for 3,000 jobs for SM and another 1,000 jobs for locators inside the mall.

Mongoso said the office would ensure that job seekers have the required documents and skills in a Jobs Fair on Jan. 23-24 and Jan. 30-31 next year. The results of the initial processing will be forwarded to SM's human resource department.

He estimated that some P12 million a month will be pumped into the local economy through salaries and wages. Another P40 million will come in the form of taxes to the city government.

Mongoso said the three-story SM Mall will cover 1.4 ha with a total floor area of 40,000 sq.m.

It will be set up in the new central business district of Naga City where the terminals of public utility vehicles are located.

He said the SM Mall is expected to draw clients from Camarines Norte, Albay, Catanduanes and Sorsogon.

Remittances still coming in

iRemit reports 47% volume growth as of Oct.

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

MONEY TRANSFER COMPANY iRemit Inc. said its remittance volume as of October hit $902 million, 47 percent more than the volume yielded in the same period last year.

iRemit president Hector Jacildo said on the sidelines of a signing ceremony with the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) that the growth was driven by remittances from Canada, the Middle East and Australia.

Jacildo said these countries were not as hard hit by the global economic downturn compared with the United States.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said that as of October, remittances reached $13.7 billion, 15.3 percent higher than the level recorded in the same period last year.

"We anticipated the modest growth of the industry because of the expected global economic downturn. This affected our short-term results but put us in good position to expand market share and enhance our customers' experience in foreign markets," Jacildo said.

He added that to cope with the crisis, iRemit modified its marketing strategies and expanded its international tie-ups.

"We absorbed many cost increases to keep our exchange rate competitive. We believe this strategy is important to maintain customer loyalty and help our customers during these uncertain times," Jacildo added.

As part of its expansion, iRemit has partnered with the PRA to disseminate information and promote PRA's retirement programs to workers abroad who may want to consider the Philippines as a retirement place or second home.

PRA, a government unit mandated to attract foreign nationals and former Filipino citizens to invest, reside and retire in the Philippines, could use iRemit as an information channel and payment collection channel for its projects.

iRemit recently opened a new branch in Perth, Australia.

The company is present in 20 countries with over 4,000 payout centers nationwide and 600 international tie-ups.

Cordillera urged to increase Arabica output

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE CORDILLERA must take advantage of the proliferation of trendy coffee shops by increasing the production of coffee.

Thomas Killip, presidential adviser on Cordillera affairs, said here recently that the region, particularly Benguet and Mountain Province, has been acknowledged by experts to be the best place to raise Arabica coffee because of its climate.

"The region is located from 700 to 2,000 meters above sea level. This is considered the tropical belt that suits the planting of Arabica coffee," he said.

Killip recently commended the organizers of "Coffee Link," a coffee festival that was made part of the province's Adivay, an annual cultural festival.

The activity drew the best coffee producers from Benguet's 13 towns.

Kibungan, whose "One Town One Product" (Otop) is coffee, constructed a native hut where coffee was served to hundreds of residents and visitors to the Adivay held at the Benguet Sports Center here last Nov. 14 to 21.

Killip said Joachim Voss, a German-Canadian consultant of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture based in Colombia, said the region has great potential to produce quality Arabica coffee.

"A built-in advantage of our local coffee is that they are raised as organic products which enhance their marketability," he said.

The Department of Agriculture in the region said the Cordillera produces four coffee varieties: Arabica, Excelsa, Liberica and Robusta.

Abraham Akilit, National Irrigation Administration regional director, also said that coffee plants are good for agro-forestry since they help rehabilitate denuded forests.

Electric meters to be elevated

By Abigail L. Ho

TO HELP CURB THE INCIDENCE OF ELECtricity pilferage, the Energy Regulatory Commission has drafted rules to govern the installation of elevated meters that would hopefully be too far off the ground to be tampered with.

Under the Magna Carta for Residential Electricity Consumers, electric meters should be accessible for reading by both the distribution utility and the consumer—or not more than three meters from the ground.

However, there are several exceptions, such as when there is no right of way in the area, areas are full of informal settlers and the consumer requests it.

"Right of way is required by the distribution utility to enable its personnel to respond to emergencies and complaints, as well as to construct its distribution posts and other power distribution equipment. The DU shall exert utmost effort in acquiring such right of way. Prior to the elevation of the meters to [elevated metering centers], the DU shall submit an explanation to the affected consumer as to its inability to secure the right of way," the rules state.

Areas with informal settlers "without the title or rights to their occupied lands" also justify the need to install new or relocate existing meters to elevated centers, as these areas are a breeding ground for illegal service connections, meter vandalism and meter tampering.

Consumers can also ask for their meters to be elevated when there are frequent pilferage-related power interruptions. These consumers, however, should represent at least half of the registered households in the area whose meters are proposed to be elevated.

Stakeholders have until Feb. 2 to submit their comments on the draft rules.

MOTORING

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang

A roller coaster year for rides and their makers

By Tessa R. Salazar

WE THOUGHT THE DRAMA was through when world oil prices settled below even the Opec's expectations after soaring to pump prices that made even the well-to-do squirm and shout. But then the US Big Three automakers dropped the bomb late November. And now all Bush's horses and all Bush's men can't seem to bring the US Senate back to bailout again.

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Courtesy at the wheel

By Charles E. Buban

THE WORLD DAY OF Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, which is observed every November, is the day on which all those killed and injured in road crashes are remembered, together with their families, the emergency services and all others affected or involved in the aftermath.

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Bailout blues

MY DRIFT

Andre Palma

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The moment environmentally-sound cars start rolling off the assembly lines in Detroit and the Bible Belt, the world will be a better place

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Soap operatic feel

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Loan package

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Impending train wreck

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Global money crisis hits Formula One

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

WITH THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL crisis clobbering the industries that sponsor the world's richest racing circuit, what will happen to Formula One?

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Rush

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No threat

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Sponsors

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Revenue

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AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL Formula One night race in Singapore last October, organizers now see immediate threat from the global money crisis. [illegible]

LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining

HEIRLOOM



AT THE LANAI, Sharon (inset) serves fresh pineapple juice and ... The water pitcher etched with the letter F has been handed down from generations of Fletchers.

Sharon's modern Christmas



By Lia Bernardo and Frannie Jacinto
Photos by Romy Uy

SHARON FLETCHer Asanza describes her design style as modern-eclectic. She is spending her first Christmas in her new home designed by Joey Yupangco.

Sharon combined new and old pieces with family heirlooms to decorate her new home.

She gives a twist to the Christmas decor. [illegible]

What Sharon wants to share is that you, too, can be innovative when decorating your home for the holidays.

Many of her Christmas decor have been accumulated through the years, combined with new buys and [illegible] finds.

SHARON'S C2

WHITE POINSETTIAS



THE LANAI is simple and relaxing. The centerpiece is a simple grouping of white poinsettias, chestnuts and gold pinecones.

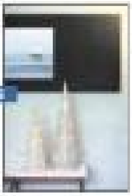
Sharon's modern Christmas

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COMBINE WITH BLUE

THE MOST fascinating element on Sharon's table are her sterling silver cutlery. This was a wedding gift from Sharon's late mother. What makes this silver set even more special was that Sharon's mom asked different family members to get her serving pieces in the same pattern. On her wedding day, Sharon had the complete set and uses it for entertaining.



TEA LIGHTS

SHARON simply put tea lights underneath these silver Christmas cones.



SILVER AND BLUE

AS YOU enter, the Christmas tree is the focal point. Silver is predominant color with large silver Christmas balls and large elongated silver pinecones and pine needles. Big royal blue Christmas balls make a great accent. A mechanical reindeer is beside it.



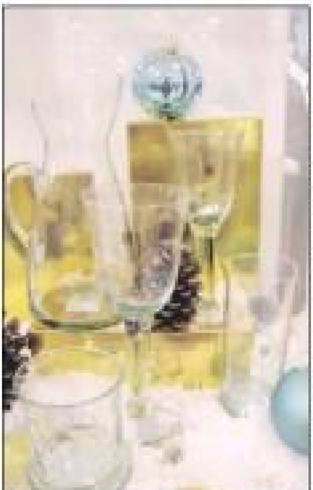
DIVISORIA FINDS

FOR CENTERPIECE, Sharon uses gold candles and pinecones from Divisoria. Leaf plates in gold used as bread and butter plates are from Rustan's.



GREAT FINDS

PLATES and glassware were some of Sharon's great finds from close-out sales at Lane Crawford, HK.



Go green
with recycled glass

BEING ECO-FRIENDLY is a big priority for Debenhams. So this season, Debenhams introduces a new line of glassware made from recycled glass.

Recycling glass has environmental benefits: it's energy-saving, it reduces emission and the use of landfill, and it discourages quarrying.

The recycled glassware range exclusive to Debenhams is ideal for everyday use. It comes in various shapes, sizes, and designs. So for practical, affordable and environment-friendly glassware, shop at Debenhams. With Debenhams' recycled drinking glassware, you not only drink in style, you help save the environment, too!

Head on to Debenhams at 3/L, Shangri-La, and Debenhams Glorietta 4 located at 3/L, Rustan's Makati.

Beatrix Potter's world comes to life

Photos by Patrick Uy

PERHAPS ONE OF the most poignant Christmas stories is "The Velveteen Rabbit," a 1922 novel by Margery Williams about a stuffed rabbit who wanted to become real through the love of his owners.

Beatrix Potter, author of "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" and other children's books about the adventurous bunny and his sisters Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail, had many memorable characters of the breed which adorned Christmas cards in the 1890s and still delight children and adults today.

These fabled [illegible] come to life in the Christmas window of AC+632, with bunnies peeking about in a magical Christmas garden of twig trees embellished with butterflies.



HAT'S [illegible] English bowler hat, two-tone shoes by George Ty Gabis, silk bowtie, [illegible] silver rings, [illegible] stone rabbit in Victorian attire





NUTCRACKER [illegible] Steiff teddy bears by Rudi Thon

Aside from stuffed Christmas rabbits, there are beloved Nutcracker soldier ornaments and musical boxes. Hand-blown glass ornaments in antique metallic finishes also bring holiday cheer.

For something truly special, there's Andre Riani's one-of-a-kind teddy bears handmade with mohair and dressed with vintage accessories. This Madrid and Amsterdam-based Filipino designer is famous among connoisseurs in Europe, the US and Japan for his unique bears which are prized in the small circle of international collectors.

To bring home a part of Beatrix Potter's Victorian world to your home, there's a collection of silver teapots and silver and ivory accoutrements from 1800s London.

A teapot with whimsy by famous designer Christopher Dresser looks so right for today even if it was designed over a hundred years ago. There are also tea service sets in fine bone china with classic designs that can even be passed on to the next generation. And for the perfect setting for these silver and porcelain treasures, there's fine embroidered linen from Teixeira Rei of Portugal, handwoven as they have been for generations.

At Boudica are some vintage finds like precious leather bags in glorious colors and eyeglasses from Christian Dior. Jewelry inspired by the Old World includes collections by Wynn Wynn Ong, Gigi de Jonghe, Amanda Colcanino, [illegible] of Iyalu and [illegible]. AC+632 also has its own line of bags in-



ANTIQUE Philippine map print, framed insects, telescopes, magnifiers, glass-domed clocks, [illegible] leather notebooks from Plaxell are some of the finds in the Cabinet of Curiosities.

spired by the past, in animal prints and textures.

Men can indulge their sartorial passion with George Ty Gabis' signature shoes and brogues, vintage bowler hats, bowties and suspenders. For the modern dandy, there are walking sticks and skull necklaces as accessories.

The Cabinet of Curiosities has many surprises in store: telescopes, antique entomological and geographical prints, glass-domed clocks, fossils and other finds.

For fragrance, there's Ortigia, an Italian line named after the island in Sicily which dates to 415 BC. The cultural wealth and natural beauty of the island is both inspiration and source: the Sicilian culture, scents and aesthetics as well as plants, herbs, flowers and fruits from the island. All the ingredients are natural and of premium quality with exotic scents like Corallo, Orange Blossom, Sicilian Lime and Ambra Nera.

Forget everything else this season, but make sure you have candles to keep a festive and bright. And they don't get any better than Ester & Erik's hand-dipped tapered candles from Denmark. Made of premium ingredients, they are smokeless, dripless, hypoallergenic and come in the loveliest colors, including the season's metallics.

AC+632 is at 3/F, Greenbelt 5, Ayala Center, Makati City. Call 7502364, fax 7502367 or e-mail ac632@globelines.net.



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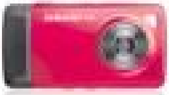
MAGGIE Wilson and [illegible]



New 8-megapixel phone gives the big picture



SAMSUNG Pixon M8800



THEY SAY A PICTURE is worth a thousand words. If they are taken with the new Samsung Pixon M8800, they're probably worth a whole lot more.

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PRISCILLA Meirelles



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KENNY [illegible]



EDWIN [illegible]



SAMSUNG marketing director [illegible]

Holiday appliance shopping with credit card

METROBANK CREDIT CARD gives you 15 appliance gift suggestions for your loved ones this Christmas.

1. ACER Aspire laptop 4730-321G16Mh—With a brand-new laptop and the power of the Internet, your loved one can stay in touch with you wherever, every whenever.



SONY DSC T-300 Digital Camera

2. SHARP LC-19A33 LCD TV—This 19-in. LCD TV will fit perfectly well in the living room. Family gatherings will definitely be more lively and entertaining with this LCD TV.

3. PHILIPS 3120E DVD player—Watch your favorite blockbuster movies with this DVD player. Movie marathons will certainly be on your weekend/vacation list.

4. SONY KV-BZ212M50 Flat TV—This 21-in. Flat TV is a perfect for kids' afternoon viewing.

5. LG DVD DP 251—The holiday season is the best time to catch up on movies and this portable DVD with monitor allows you to do just that.

6. MAGIC MINI ST1600—With over 3,004 songs and hi-fi Digital Sound Quality, this wonder is the best entertainer for every celebration.

7. PHILIPS DSP 3260—Turn up the volume with its 5.1 speakers and run your favorite movies with this DVD player.

8. WHIRLPOOL MO 3080S—Complete your cinematic experience at home when you heat up your popcorn with this sleek microwave oven while watching your favorite movie from your new LCD TV.

9. IPOD SHUFFLE 1GB—Play your happy songs again and again with this stylish must-have gadget.

10. SONY DSC T77 Digital Camera—Capture family moments with this 10.1-Megapixel digital camera.



ACER Aspire laptop 4730-321G16Mh

11. SONY KDL32T400 LCD TV—Send love to your parents with a new 32-in. LCD TV.

12. SAMSUNG LA-32A450 LCD TV—Why don't you give yourself this impressive 32-in. LCD TV?

13. SONY DSC T300 Digital Camera—Make sure you have this digital camera on hand for every party.

14. IPOD NANO—Load up all your tunes in this 8GB gadget.

15. PANASONIC NR-A... Refrigerator—Stock up on the freshest cold meats and vegetables in this spacious refrigerator.

Purchase these items with Metrobank Credit Card at zero-percent interest installment from three to 24 months. Adding a sweet surprise, a minimum P15,000 installment purchase entitles you to a Red Ribbon gift certificate when you shop in Abenson. Promo runs until Dec. 31.

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

Check those bills carefully

IT MAY BE THE SEASON FOR GOODwill toward other people but that does not mean you should completely let your guard down and be less vigilant.

My friend invited a dozen of her closest and dearest to a dinner party in a well-known restaurant that has managed to maintain its good reputation for decades despite a change of ownership. But the cocktail evening was almost ruined when, at the end of the meal, my friend found out that the restaurant staff—she thinks the waiters did it—padded her bill by adding a few pricey main courses that were not ordered.

Fortunately, her niece discovered the discrepancy. If she did not, they would have paid almost P2,000 for items none of the guests ordered. Needless to say, the waiters claimed it was all an honest mistake.

The moral of the story is when you dine out this holiday season, and eventually, whether it is in a fancy restaurant or a fast-food joint, make sure you check your bill closely and carefully to ensure you are paying only for the things you actually ordered and consumed.

Bus and taxi receipts

Reader Joel Victor Manzo wanted to share a happy trip he had.

"Many months ago, I took a bus from Barkeon to Tagaytay City to visit my friends at the seminary of the Society of the Divine Word. While on the bus, I was pleased to learn that the bus [was] already using a handheld PDA-like (personal digital assistant) device that printed out a ticket, which served as a receipt. The printout had the TIN (tax identification number) and details of the bus trip (time of issue of ticket, destination, fare, etc).

"Just last week, [another] bus I took from Tandang Sora to EDSA-Kamuning (in Quezon City) also had a similar PDA-like device, but the receipt it issued was a bit different and smaller.

"The LTFRB (Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board) and the BIR (Bureau of Internal Revenue) should mandate its use because it is one effective way to collect more taxes from the transport sector.

"Finally, we will know how much these firms really earn. The bus and taxi firms also benefit because the data from these devices can be mined (gathered, collected and analyzed) to generate valuable information that will help improve or make their operations efficient and thereby [help] cut costs. Commuters will welcome [the devices] because they will have receipts they can use for tax purposes and reimbursement of expenses."

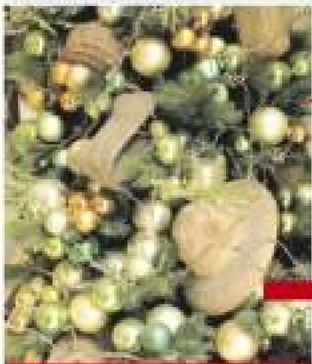
I know that Xavierville, one of the newer taxi companies, installed meters already capable of issuing receipts. The drivers volunteered this information on the few occasions I took the company's cabs.

And speaking of taxis, I am glad to see that several of the newer units now have the meter at eye level. I hope the LTFRB will make this a requirement—having the meter where the passenger can readily read it—in registering new units.

Going back to an earlier column about being safe in a taxi, I forgot to mention that, if you think you do not have the right fare like the reader who had a harrowing experience, call someone in your destination to have the money ready. A mobile phone may be an emergency sometimes but it also offers a lot of convenience to take advantage of them.

Send letters to The Consumer, Lifestyle Section, Philippine Daily Inquirer, 1098 Chino Roces Ave. cor. Mascardo and Yague Sts., 1204 Makati City, fax 897-4793/94, or e-mail lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph.

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining





GOLD AND COPPER No matter what theme, you can go eccentric. Gold and copper balls are always safe bets. Just vary their sizes and textures.

GREEN ON GREEN A loose arrangement of green balls in different shades and textures, the occasional copper, and woven hats and baskets.

Almeria recalls the farm in Leyte

STYLE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Go rustic–think woven hats, baskets

By Alex Y. Vergara

REMEMBER THE "Christmas Alphabet" song from your childhood? Sprucing up homes for the holidays, interior designer Leo Almeria follows his own version, which is as simple as ABC.

A stands for area, B for budget and C for character expression, he says.

These three principles have served Almeria and his clients well.

This year, the Leyte native went back to his roots and came up with a farm-inspired Christmas theme in his Quezon City home. Apart from shiny, traditional balls in copper and various

ALMERIA/D2



QUEEN for a day Renee M. Angeles, with mom Mdy Mediavera Santamaria and restaurateur Chay Cojuangco and hair stylist Eli Angeles



LUCILLE Lucas with Bobby and Chinghoo Gozon and Maryfrancis Lam



AMBASSADOR Tony Loyzaga and Anton Roxas



MARIT Yoshioka and Frances Lim



JOSE Mari Sison and Marissa Bacho



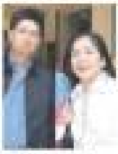
JOHNNY Velasquez with Paulg Hechanova, Mariel Marcel, Angeles, Lisa and Joe Reyes



NIKKI Tinio and Dandy Tuason



LIZ LAQUIAN and Marissa Cojuangco



GUS Ojeda and Ria Roxas Ojeda



LINDA Obelez with Mariel and Bebe Vazquez and Mara Obelez

Heiress celebrates her birthday with sumptuous dinner



JAGUAR Philippines' president Willie Sunog and RCBC's Bankard president Oscar Biason



IRENE Tayio of RCBC Bankard with Judith Dayrit and Annie Corre of MasterCard

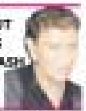


GARY Tuviera of RCBC Bankard and Maria Agoncillo

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using RCBC Photo Solutions



BEING THE FOODIE THAT SHE IS, IT WAS no surprise when this eyelashdo heiress blew out another great year from her already fun exciting life, dahlings. Held at her parents' grand mansion in a posh village, vivacious Renee Mediavera Angeles celebrated her birthday with friends like Conchita Tuda, M and Carlo Borgos, brilliant Atty. Gordon Legarda, Karen Santos, Tinio's Irene M. Francisco and Anton San Diego, Mari Loyzaga, Maite Ibañez, Noemi Roxas, Willy Quimson, Bettina Gonzalez, Annette Lucero, Bobby Gozon, Mayumi Carmona, Mikey and Sandie Cojuangco, dahlings.

Apéritif champagne and finger food were served, we sat down for the best dinner menu of this week (so far so I'm concerned), excellently catered by Margarita Forés' Cibo.

It started off with fresh Tagliatini with fried organic egg and onion cream, with black Truffle paste. Next, was the smooth butter fried Cod with Truffle Oil. The smell of truffles in any form is heaven. Then there was Roast Beef Tenderloin Tagliata with garlic rosemary and caperberries, followed by the must-have Virginia ham, superbly flavored Turkey with Pistachio, green fried plain, demi-orange and golden sultana stuffing, with Sanders di Cicero. And finally, bowls of sinful zabaglione desserts, dahlings.

By the end of this fun get-together of pals, there was one question everyone had in mind: "When do we have your next dinner?" And being the fantastic hostess that she is, like her mom Mdy Concepcion Mediavera, she answered with a smile: "Soon!"

Cheers, pahinggg!

Feast for the senses

The word "Notorious" alone made the dash over to the chic and stylish Jaguar Lifestyle Center, dahlings, of one coming from my favorite hairdresser Jocelyn, no limitations, for this happening of RCBC Bankard for its Platinum MasterCard card holders. As I expected, it turned out to be super exciting, pahinggg.

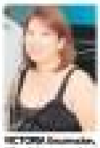
Ralph Lauren's new feminine fragrance "Notorious" had numerous gals going around for guests to sample its oh-so-sexy scent. Definitely an addictive fragrance!

We also got to see the elegant Jaguar XF, redefining what this luxury sporting saloon is all about. Jaguar's new eye-catching line car is a standout with its craftsmanship and sophisticated interpretation.

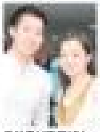
Nevertheless, finishes from Manor Card and Jaguar Cars Inc. welcomed the cardholders, dahlings.

An RCBC Bankard Platinum MasterCard cardholder is always granted access to the most exciting happening plus exclusive perks and benefits.

In the end, pahinggg, guests went home with bottles of Ralph Lauren's sexy new scent. Notorious gorgeous gals not included. Too bad, guys.



VICTORIA Encarnacion, EDmall's beauty product division GM



JEANIE MICHELLE Ang



BEL-AIR Village Association president Antonio Ma. Guerrero, Jaguar endorsement Eduardo Jarque, barangay secretary Perla Zuñiga, barangay Bel-Air captain and Paskuhan 2008 overall chairperson Victor Chan, Manuel Jose Bay, Philip Bay, Michael Jacobs and, vice Linda and Moreno of Bel-Air choir and Paskuhan 2008 director Constantia Lichauco

Bel-Air's Paskuhan

Bel-Air Village, pahinggg, recently organized the 2008 Paskuhan, an awesome three-day festival for the community's parents, children and household help.

The first day featured a food festival and bazaar, dahlings.

In "Gabi ng Kasambahay" a grand bash was held where all the household help rocked and let their hair down while having fun, pahinggg.

In "Parade sa Bel-Air," kids, moms, dads and grandparents performed dance numbers in colorful costumes to the evening's theme of "Parade." Watch!

"Bel-Air residents know they have a good thing in the Paskuhan, something other communities do not enjoy, making residents proud to be in Bel-Air," Antonio Guerrero said to an applauding, happy and appreciative audience, dahlings.

Valida Rassoulova

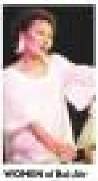
Valida Rassoulova graduated from the Bjul-Bjul Special Music School in Baku, Azerbaijan and Moscow State Conservatory with Lev Vlasenko. She has earned an honorary diploma from the International Chopin Piano Competition in Warsaw, the top prize in the International Marguerite Long-Jacques Thibaud Competition in Paris, and a gold medal at the International Music Festival in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. She was featured soloist at a benefit concert for the French Academy Conservatory at Weill Recital Hall, and in "Remembering Chopin" with distinguished soprano Olivera Stevovska, pahinggg. She holds the title of Distinguished Artist of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Her impresario Antonietta Chan announced that Rassoulova's solo piano concerts at Philamlife Auditorium, UN Ave., Manila on Jan. 13, 2009, 8 p.m., is for the benefit of the San Antonio Formation and Enhancement Center Inc.

Tickets are at P1,000, P500 and P200. Call Glenda at 893-4725.



THE SONS of village residents have a grand time doing the "Magkasaln."



WOMEN of Bel-Air president, TV's crooning gal Renee Cain Medina



BEL-AIR resident Jackie Lou Aguilar-Abatia fashioned dinner of Paskuhan fashion show



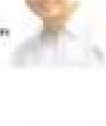
VALIDA Rassoulova



BEL-AIR choir and Paskuhan 2008 mega director, Lichauco



BEL-AIR women of social stature rock during "Parade sa Bel-Air."



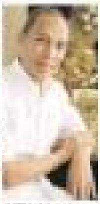




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Go native with your Christmas décor



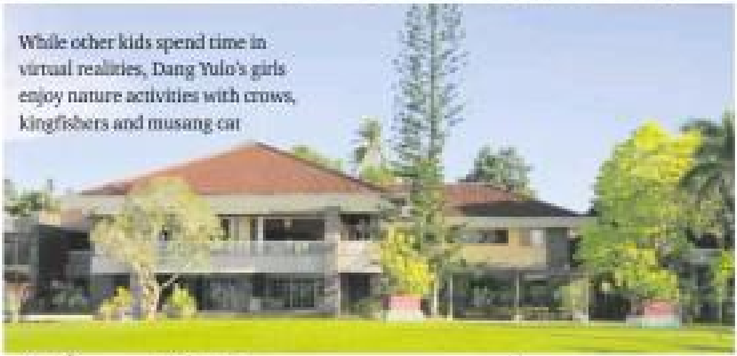


DON'T FORGET THE BELEN





KEY COLORS.



While other kids spend time in virtual realities, Dang Yulo's girls enjoy nature activities with crows, kingfishers and musang cat

A family's green values

FOR DANG YULO AND HER YOUNG family, caring for the environment is as much a daily household habit as a community effort.

After six years of living in Monterello, Cardubang, Dang is still charmed by her surroundings.

Monterello used to be a vast sugar plantation. Dang, with husband Raffy and two daughters Nina, 11, and Marga, 10, has found that there's just too little time for all the things they can do outdoors.

"We do all kinds of things like bird-watching, fishing in the lake, stargazing," says Dang.

"We've learned to hook the worms ourselves."

Dang also doesn't mind picking up seeds in the garden with her bare hands.



YULO family enjoys quality fishing time.



MONETTE and Dang Yulo take care of indoor plant seedlings in the CARE background.

For Marga's 7th birthday, the family gave away narra seedlings to guests, and for Nina's 9th, her friends went home with little chicks to care for. While other kids spend time in virtual realities, Nina and Marga indulge in nature activities with crows, kingfishers and musang cat.

The girls go to De La Salle Canlubang, which has a good science program.

These are just among the things that inspired Dang and her sister-in-law Tina Quiros to start an environment awareness program in Canlubang.

The Canlubang Awareness and Response to Environment (CARE) was organized to help encourage environmentally sound practices in all the communities in Canlubang. The group gathers volunteers from the community, many of them stay-at-home mothers, to learn and learn about eco-friendly habits, grow plants and clean communal areas.

To make CARE work, Dang and her group applied their strategy to a model community.

Casino, also known as the Old Town, was the choice for a model community. A 20-minute drive from Monterello, Canlubang or Casa Mill District and Hospital is where Doña Cecilia Araneta first built a school and a church back when it was still a working sugar plantation.

CARE has made it their headquarters. "This is where we teach them the importance of recycling bottles, how to make compost and segregate dry and wet trash."

While the mothers listen to lectures or plant on roadsides and sweep streets, their children learn art with Nina and Marga.

"It's like Sunday school," says Dang. "Everyone gets involved."

So far, CARE's one-year-and-a-half has been met with much success and donations have been pouring in—[illegible] and [illegible] for volunteers. Ultimately says Dang, they hope to [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible].

Call 845-5000, e-mail [illegible], visit [illegible].



Restaurants team up with SOS Children's Village

SO GROUP OF RESTAURANTS (Trattoria, Italianni's, Fish & Co. and Papacitos) teams up with SOS Children's Village for a special cause. SOS Children's Village is a charitable organization that provides shelter to less fortunate children. Bistro displays Merry Teddy Christmas Trees at its restaurants. The trees are made entirely of teddy bears, which are sold for P145, P170, P190 and P220. A portion of the sales goes to SOS Children's Village.

CCP literary journal launched today

The new edition of the Ani literary anthology of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) will be launched today at 7 p.m. at the CCP ramp. A project of CCP's Literary Arts Division, Ani's 34th issue is focused on the theme, "Spirituality and Healing," and has 62 contributors. [illegible]

Goings On

Wish upon a Santa

[illegible]

Holiday in Baguio

The Manor at Camp John Hay opens its doors for a special Yuletide merrymaking. [illegible]

Bowling gift card

The SM Bowling Center offers a gift card, which costs P100. [illegible]

'Gimik' nights

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New Year's eve party

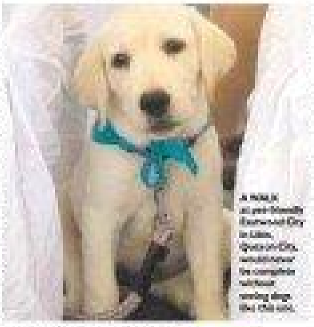
Catch the New Year's eve dinner, dance and countdown party at the Manila Hotel. [illegible]

Mardi gras party

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LIFESTYLE Parenting

Raise your kid like a dog (?!)



In a parent-child relationship, one has to be the adult

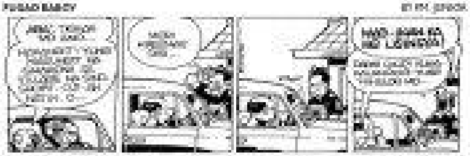
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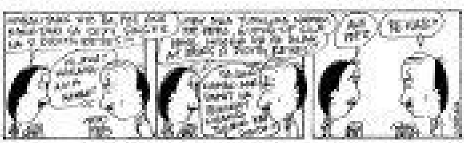


PUGAD BABOY



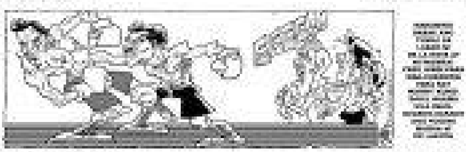
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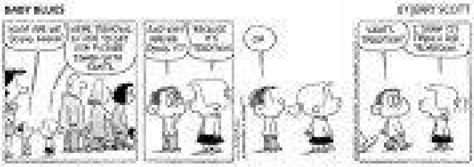


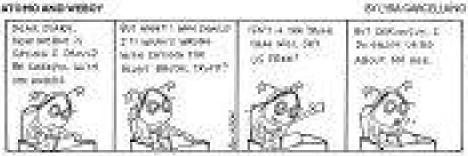
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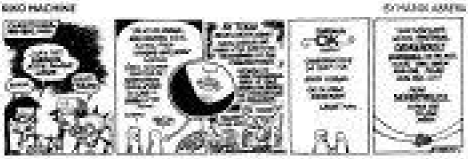


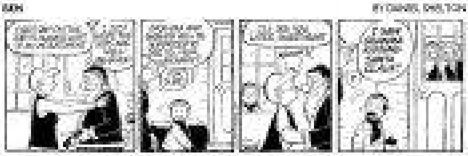
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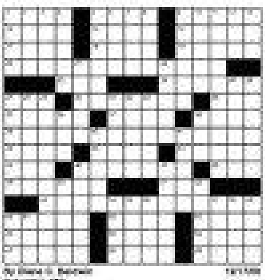


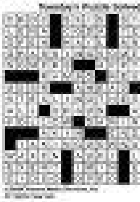






DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

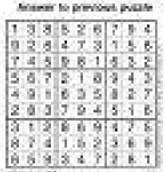
Conceptis Sudoku

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9			7			1		
	6				8	2		
		9	1	7	6	5	2	
						9	1	6
							4	3

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



Raise ...



Kiddie dressing tips from Daphne Oseña-Paez



MOM AND KID RECIPE

Rainbow butter cookies

By Norma Chikiamco
Contributor

HERE'S A RECIPE MOMS (OR dads) can do together with their kids this holiday season. [illegible]

Rainbow Butter Cookies

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THIS recipe makes about 40 cookies.

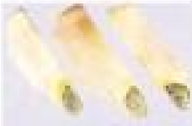
Tips

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Procyanidin Lightens Melasma

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JOIN the fun at the High School Musical Pep Rally Dec. 12-14 at The Block, SM North Edsa and Dec. 19-21 at SM Mall of Asia.

'High School Musical' pep rally at malls

TOY KINGDOM BRINGS EAST HIGH characters to the SM malls through the "High School Musical" pep rally Dec. 19-21 at SM Mall of Asia. [illegible]



SOME of the East High Wild Cats pose with kids from the audience.

[illegible]



High School Musical cake by Goldilocks.



TROY, Gabriella, Ryan and Sharpay with the rest of the East High Wild Cats.